Flights operated from trivandrum Airport

1303. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many national and international flights are operating from the Trivandrum Airport, at present;

(b) how many fire Ighting vehicles are there at Trivandrum Airport and how many among them are operational at present;

(c) what fire fighting facilities and other safety precautions are there at the Trivandrum Airport which operate so many flights;

(d) how many technical staff including engineers are there at the Trivandrum Airport to maintain various equipment which assist pilots In safe landing of airerafts; and

(e) whether Government would review the present state of affairs at the Trivandrum Airpor:.'

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AEIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) 15 domestic flights and 24 international nights per weok are operating from Trivandrum airport.

(b) and (c) There are 7 fire fighting vehicles out of which 5 are operational. Other Are fighting and allied equipment available are as under: —

1. Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus	2
2. Close Proximity Suits	6
3. Rescue Tools	1 set
4. Ambulance	1
5. Dry Chemical Powder Tender	1

(d) As many as 170 officers of different grades are there at Trivandrum airport.

(e) The requirement of equipment and staff is reviewed as and when there is a change in type of operation and watch hours.

Setting up of a separate directorate to Monitor navigational aids

1304. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a separate directorate to exclusively monitor navigational and landing aids at airports in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY" WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN); (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is contemplating to set up a Directorate responsible for the licensing of aerodromes and air traffic control personnel. There is, however, no proposal *to* set up a separate Directorate exclusively for monitoring navigational and landing aids at airports in the country.

Magazines supplied in I.A. flights

1305. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION be pleased to state.

(a) which are the weekly and fortnightly magazines supplied to passengers in Executive Class on Indian Airlines flights; and

(b) what are the criteria for the selection of these magazines?